

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

RS21605

The sections of Idaho Code that the Department of Insurance is asking to repeal were put in place prior to the existence of any building codes or fire codes. The International Code Council Fire Code (aka International Fire Code) is a companion code to the ICC building code. The chapter in the building code that deals with exiting is reproduced in the fire code, and according to Idaho Code § 41-253, the International Fire Code is adopted as a statewide minimum standard. Therefore, it is enforceable even if a city or county has not adopted the building code.

The enforcement of the code is covered by Idaho Code, Section 41-256, in that fire chiefs (or their deputy) of every city or fire district act as assistants to the State Fire Marshal in carrying out the provisions of the fire code. In those areas outside any fire jurisdiction, the county sheriff (or his deputy) is given the authority to enforce the fire code.

This provides the opportunity for enforcement of the exiting requirements in all areas of the state. The safety of the citizens of Idaho would not be jeopardized if the provisions in Title 39, Chapter 19 were repealed, and repeal would reduce confusion and redundancy of applicable provisions.

FISCAL NOTE

It is not expected that there would be any fiscal impact from this.

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